

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Eagle Scouts of America are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent; and,

Whereas, The first Boy Scout Troop of South Dakota was started in Viborg, South Dakota, in 1917; and,

Whereas, The highest award given to a boy scout, the Eagle Scout Award, was earned by Walter Knudsen, a member of that first troop in Viborg; and,

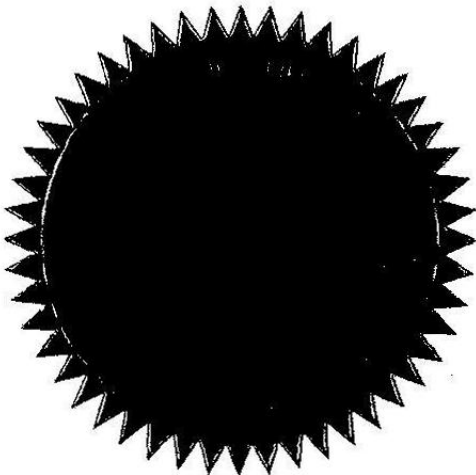
Whereas, Walter now lives at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg, and will celebrate his 100th birthday on December 2, 2003; and,

Whereas, An award ceremony will be held at the nursing home at 2:30 p.m., December 2, 2003, to recognize Walter as the first Eagle Scout in South Dakota, and to celebrate his 100th birthday:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2003, as

WALTER KNUDSEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in congratulating Walter and wishing him good health and happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State